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INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR TAMWORTH

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Right on Target

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Independent Member for Tamworth Peter Draper has welcomed today's announcement that a \$5 million Target store is to be built in Tamworth.

"While appreciating the distress that the closure of Grace Bros has caused within the community, I am encouraged by news that the employees of Grace Bros will have first preference in applying for a job with Target," Mr Draper said.

"There is no doubt that it will be the end of an era when Grace Bros closes its doors after some 50 years of trading in Tamworth. The Save My Store Grace Bros Tamworth Action Group are still actively trying to have Coles Myer reverse its decision, however the decision appears final. I commend the efforts of those people who are trying to save Grace Bros, but we must recognise Coles Myer for ensuring that the jobs of up to 80 people have now been secured."

"We can be proud that this development sets a benchmark for future Target stores right across the country. I believe shoppers, not only in Tamworth but from across the region, will be impressed with this Target store when it opens for business later this year."

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